

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2057

S.D. 2 H.D. 1 C.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Honorable Joseph M. Souki Speaker, House of Representatives Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Madam and Sir:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 2057, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE NURSING FACILITY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form.

The purpose of this measure is to extend the repeal date and improve the nursing facility sustainability program by:

- (1) Extending the sunset date of the nursing facility sustainability program to June 30, 2015; and
- (2) Appropriating funds out of the nursing facility sustainability program special fund for fiscal year 2014-2015.

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Your Committee on Conference finds that nursing facilities are a critical part of the long-term safety net for the State's aging population and that funding the nursing facility sustainability program is necessary to increase the sustainability of nursing facilities in Hawaii. Your Committee on Conference further finds that without an exemption from the central service expenses assessment, the nursing facility sustainability program will have to pay approximately \$500,000 per year, which inhibits the program's ability to sustain nursing facilities and improve services to Medicaid recipients.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- Adding a provision to exempt the nursing facility sustainability program special fund from the central service expenses assessment;
- (2) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$12,000,000;
- (3) Inserting an effective date of June 29, 2014; and
- (4)Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2057, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2057, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, C.D. 1.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the managers:

ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair

Mele Carrelle Co-Chair

DELLA ALL BELAUUT Co-Chair

BERTRAND KOBAYASTI, Co-Chair

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Record of Votes of a Conference Committee

Bill / Concurrent Resolution No.: SB 2057, SD 2, HD 1				Date/Time: 4/25/14 9:40am					
The recommendation of the House and Senate managers is to pass with amendments (CD).									
☐ The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision.									
The recommendation of the Senate Manager(s) is to AGREE to the House amendments made to the Senate Measure					The recommendation of the House Manager(s) is to AGREE to the Senate amendments made to the House Measure.				
Senate Managers	A	WR	N	E	House Managers	A	WR	N	Е
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne, Chr.	✓				CARROLL, Mele, Co-Chr.	V			
KIDANI, Michelle N., Co-Chr.	V				BELATTI, Della Au, Co-Chr.	\checkmark			
GREEN, Josh	V				KOBAYASHI, Bertrand, Co-Chr.	abla			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.					MORIKAWA, Dee	\checkmark			
SLOM, Sam				V	FUKUMOTO, Beth	V			
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A = Aye $WR = Aye$ with Reservations $N = Nay$ $E = Excused$									
Senate Recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted				House Recommendation is: Adopted Not Adopted					
Senate Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:				House Lead Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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